

employ an 80 percent standard the years after that and make adjustments for this year so that we would go back to 80 percent. I'm willing to live with that. I don't know that that's constitutionally mandated, but I'm willing to live with that. Now, I think that there are others who probably have things to say about this bill, and I don't want to take up a lot of time. I will withdraw, as I indicated, I'll withdraw the motion in a little while, after I think we've all had a chance to speak. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of this body, I rise in opposition of 839. I think LB 348 has everything in it that we need. And the common levy and school tax, I think that...I just don't like this common levy at all, and in lieu of tax, I think that will be handled in 348. But to start out with, I don't think that either one of these bills should have been put together. Really the in lieu of tax is money paid out in there, and the common levy is money coming back this way. And the common levy bill was killed in committee, and it should have never come out on the Final Reading like this. So I just can't see. And besides that, the land valuation is going up out there in my district, great now, and every time they go up that lowers the state aid there. So, pretty soon the state aid is going to be gone, especially in Hyannis and Keya Paha County, the state aid is all going to disappear just because of these actions. So I'd strongly oppose 839, and I hope you'll do the same, too. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I find it interesting the turn events here. Turn of events is that two days ago Senator Wickersham was offering an amendment to LB 348, to put the contents of 839 into it. At least some of the speakers that spoke gave the impression that they understood that 80 percent was the correct language and were very concerned if only 348 passed in its current form, and it has passed, that the dollars would not be able to be distributed this year. Now we have the same Senator Wickersham standing on the floor saying 348 was a fine bill, it took care of the problem. And he says nobody can say for certainty what the standard is. Well, I think people that can read probably can say what the standard is because they standard is enunciated in Bartels, it's